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## The United States Tamil Political Action Council அமெரிக்க தமிழ் அரசியற் செயலவை

The United States Tamil Political Action Council (USTPAC) is pleased to be part of the Global Tamil Forum (GTF), and sends its felicitations to the inaugural meeting of the GTF in London. Though small in number in the Tamil Diaspora, recognizing the importance of the United States in world affairs, the Tamil Americans have organized themselves and work hard to bring a political solution to Eelam Tamils. USTPAC is advancing Tamil interests in three fronts, namely, political advocacy, economic boycott of Sri Lanka, and, seeking justice to war crimes and crimes against humanity perpetrated on Tamils.

USTPAC has contributed to the efforts of GTF in rehabilitating the war affected people in the Tamil homeland. We believe that GTF should further strengthen its efforts in providing assistance in educational, physical and mental health needs, resettlement and creating means of livelihoods. We are grateful to the humanitarian assistance provided by the US, Australia and EU countries to the Tamils in the NorthEast. We appeal to the world governments to work with GTF to coordinate relief and resettlement assistance.

Tamils in the homeland in Sri Lanka have paid a heavy price for freedom and equality. The Diaspora Tamils united under GTF shall work tirelessly by peaceful means to bring about a UN sponsored referendum where the homeland Tamils and the exiled Diaspora Tamils together will determine the terms of coexistence with the Sinhala people in the island of Sri Lanka. "... the Tamil people are being disenfranchised and victimized by the Sri Lanka authorities. This injustice must stop. The Tamil people must be allowed to live in peace and flourish in their homeland." -Professor Elie Wiesel, Holocaust survivor and Nobel Laureate

Sincerely,  
**Elias Jeyarajah, PhD**  
President, USTPAC  
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Global Tamil Forum

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## Swedish Tamil Forum சுவீடிஷ் தமிழர் பேரவை

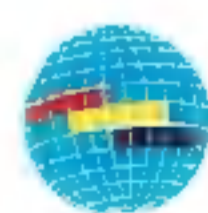
I mark this event as a milestone in Tamil Diaspora efforts to bring ever lasting peace, freedom and reconciliation for the people of Tamil Eelam. The founding of this organisation is an important step on the long journey.

For too long, the people of Tamil Eelam have lived in constant fear of displacement, exploitation and an overwhelming state violence. Their yearning for a life in freedom, peace and stability must be the main focus for the GTF.

The search for freedom, peace and prosperity will not be smooth, nor will it be achieved quickly. Let us hope that the building of GTF will give added momentum to the cause and encourage all other existing organisations to join in our common endeavor.

On behalf of the Tamil Diaspora living in Sweden I wish GTF every success on its journey.

**Govindarajah Jeganmohan**  
Chairman





**நோர்வே ஈழத்தமிழர் அவை**  
**Landsrådet for Eelam Tamiler i Norge**  
**Norwegian Council of Eelam Tamils**

We at Norwegian Council of Eelam Tamils (NCET) are delighted to know about the Inaugural General Meeting of the Global Tamil Forum to be held in London, 23-26 February, 2010.

As a grass root level organization that derives its strength from the people of Tamil Eelam origin and their descendants living in Norway, we are elated to be part of GTF which has the laudable objective, among others, to work for achieving self-sufficiency, sustainability and equal opportunity for Eelam Tamils.

We take this opportunity to congratulate Global Tamil Forum on this momentous occasion and wish the participants great success in all their future endeavours.

**Dr. Panchakulasingam Kandiah**

President





## நியூசிலாந்து தமிழ்ச்சங்கம்

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The birth of Global Tamil Forum is a significant event in Tamils' history and their political arena. GTF has since its inception become a powerful democratic force and a uniting body of the several millions of global Tamils, and aimed to strategically position itself to take the political struggle of the indigenous Tamils of Eelam for their inalienable rights forward through political and diplomatic avenues and to engage with the rehabilitation and economic development of their homeland.

New Zealand Tamils whole-heartedly extend their well wishes and congratulate GTF on this Inaugural General Meeting, held in London.

உலகத் தமிழர் பேரவையின் உதயம் தமிழர் வரலாற்றிலும், அவர்களின் அரசியல் செயற்பாடுகளிலும் மிகவும் முக்கியமானதொரு நிகழ்வாகும். உலகத் தமிழர் பேரவை இன்று ஒரு பலம் பொருந்திய ஜனநாயக சக்தியாகவும் உலகத் தமிழரை ஒன்றுபடுத்தும் சக்தியாகவும் உருவாகியுள்ளதுடன் தனது அரசியல் மற்றும் இராஜதந்திர நடவடிக்கைகளாலும் தன்னை உலக அரசுமீது ஒரு முக்கிய கேந்திர ஸ்தானத்தில் நிறுத்தியுள்ளதுடன், இலங்கையின் ஆதி குடிகளான ஈழத் தமிழரின் பிரிக்க முடியாத அடிப்படை உரிமைகளை வென்றெடுக்க முயற்சிப்பதுடன் அவர்களின் புனர்நிர்மாணம் மற்றும் பிரதேச அபிவிருத்திக்கும் தன்னால் இயன்றவரை உதவியளிக்கும் என்பது உறுதி.

உலகத் தமிழர் பேரவையின் இந்த ஆரம்ப வருடாந்த விழாவில் நியூசிலாந்து தமிழர் சார்பில் அன்பான வாழ்த்துகள் பல தெரிவிப்பதில் மிகவும் மகிழ்வடைகிறேன்.

கலாநிதி சிவா வசந்தன்  
தலைவர், நியூசிலாந்து தமிழ் சங்கம்.





## Tamil Kunst en Cultuur Vereniging Netherland

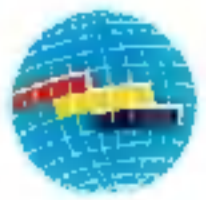
நெதர்லாந்து தமிழ் கலை பண்பாட்டுக் கழகம்

At this momentous occasion, Tamils in Netherland are delighted and honoured to be part of the Global Tamil Forum. The Tamil Diaspora community has become an integral part of the Global community and we believe, with the creation of Global Tamil Forum, the collective aspirations of these people are brought to the forefront. GTF in partnership with the international community will take forward the call for peace and justice for the Tamil people in the island of Sri Lanka.

Over the years, Tamil Kunst en Cultuur Vereniging has become an institution for Tamils and the people of Netherland to come together to share the culture and history. Participating in GTF enables us to become ever closer to our friends across the globe.

We take this opportunity to congratulate all members of Global Tamil Forum and thank the people of Britain for hosting this inauguration ceremony at their parliament in Westminster on Feb 24, 2010.

Ruban Thiru





## Mauritius Tamils மொரிசியஸ் தமிழர்கள்

The formation of the Global Tamil Forum is the single most significant milestone for Diaspora Tamil community spread across the Globe. We at Mauritius Tamils are delighted and proud to be part of this exciting congregation of organisations.

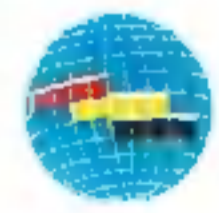
From Vancouver, Canada to Valday, Russia, Tamil Diaspora communities have become an integral part of their respective nations. Mauritius has a long history where Tamils have played an important part in the economic life of the country and nation building.

Close 150,000 strong Tamils of Mauritius, although not from Eelam, feel that the Eelam Tamil community has given pride and recognition of the very existence of Tamils all over the world. We will stand by Global Tamil Forum to ensure that Sri Lanka creates a peaceful place and end the suffering of the Tamil nation.

Global Tamil Forum's vision and mission statement amply tells the world what is expected of the International Community as far as Tamils in Sri Lanka are concerned. By uniting under Global Tamil Forum, we are set out to work with the global community to achieve justice to the oppressed and bring about peace and harmony to the people of Tamil nation.

On this momentous day, Members of Mauritian Tamils are joining hands with fellow Diaspora community for an exciting journey. Congratulations Global Tamil Forum.

Koomaren Chetty





## Malaysian Tamil Forum

### மலேசிய தமிழர் பேரவை

Dr N lyngkaran, for and on behalf of Tamil Relief Fund

Malaysian Tamils congratulate the Tamil Diaspora for the timely and visionary formation of the Global Tamil Forum (GTF). We are delighted and honored to participate in GTF's inaugural general annual meeting in London to be opened by the Rt Hon David Miliband, MP and Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs in the British Government. Mr David Miliband's presence gives GTF credibility and stature. We congratulate and thank Mr Surendran and his team in British Tamil Forum (BTF) for their untiring efforts in organizing this event in such grand scale. We thank Mr Prakash for his selfless uninterrupted secretarial services to GTF since its inception.

Malaysian Tamils are proud and happy to have played a significant role as members of the pioneering Tamil Diaspora team that initiated, conceptualized and established GTF as an umbrella movement to help improve the educational, economic, social and cultural well being of Tamils all over the world in general and in particular help the Tamils in Sri Lanka in the hour of their need. The formation of GTF by the Tamil Diaspora is a clear signal to the world that Tamils are united in their resolve to find an equitable solution to the Tamil problem in Sri Lanka. Our immediate priority is to assist our Tamil brethren in Sri Lanka to live with dignity, self-pride and self-esteem in the land of their ancestors as free and equal people.

Our immediate priority is humanitarian assistance. We need to do more on the social, educational, cultural, health and economic fronts for the Tamils in North and East of Sri Lanka. We need to provide educational support and rebuild Tamil businesses to improve and increase the economic strength of the Tamil people.

The pursuit of a long term political solution addressing the Tamil grievances is vital, indispensable and must continue unabated until we achieve our goals. To this end the Tamil Diaspora needs to be economically strong, have a strong sense of identity, be united and cultivate a strong lobbying power.

We cannot go it alone to achieve our political goals in Sri Lanka. We need the support of all Tamils and the International Community (IC). Therefore commonsense dictates that we must network with other Tamils and the IC. Together we can make GTF a visibly strong institution that can succor the needs and well being of all Tamils. It must create for itself an aura of strength and righteousness. It must promote a broad agenda in its overall vision for the collective progress and prosperity for all Tamils. It would then have gained the clout and stature to influence international opinion.

History shows convincingly that communities immersed in self-help culture, like the Chinese, Sikhs and Jews are some of the most progressive communities. They are communities we must emulate. They have established organizations and institutions that were a key component for the success of their movements. We should study their model for networking.

In GTF we have a powerful tool to improve ourselves individually and collectively. Like all other communities Tamils wish to live a happy, progressive and prosperous life with self-pride and self-esteem among the community of nations. We want to be true to the ideals of our culture and spirituality that has universal appeal and has its roots in the philosophy of Thiruvalluvar.

Friends you will agree we have entered a unique interplanetary constellation that offers immense opportunity to understand each other, garner our collective strength, generate and share ideas and act on a united front to achieve our common goals in Sri Lanka and foster Tamil interests in general. To succeed the single most important ingredient is unity. On this auspicious historical occasion let us rededicate ourselves to our promise to alleviate the suffering of our brethren in North and East of Sri Lanka and find justice for them.





## Giovani Tamils

இத்தாலிய இளைய தமிழர்கள்

Today, Tamils living across the world have joined hands to form the Global Tamil Forum. As a member of this Forum, Tamils from Italy are delighted to be part of this momentous occasion. The people in Tamil Eelam deserve every opportunity to live in peace, dignity and work towards their aspirations. GTF will join hands with the global community to create this environment.

The Jewish history has shown the world how a community that has been decimated because of oppression, can work together and hand-in-hand with the global community, to achieve their aspirations. Global Tamil Forum provides this space.

We are delighted to be present at the home of democracy - the British Parliament - to see the inauguration of Global Tamil Forum.

Oggi, i Tamil disseminati in tutto il mondo si sono riuniti per dar vita al "Global Tamil Forum". Come membri di questo Forum, i Tamil d'Italia sono lieti di partecipare a questa importante occasione. Gli abitanti del Tamil Eelam meritano ogni opportunità per vivere in pace, con dignità e per raggiungere le proprie aspirazioni. GTF si unirà con la comunità mondiale per creare e favorire questa condizione.

La storia del popolo Ebreo ha dimostrato al mondo intero come una comunità, decimata da violente repressioni, possa collaborare con la comunità mondiale per raggiungere le proprie aspirazioni. Il Global Tamil Forum provvederà proprio a questo.

Siamo lieti di trovarci al Parlamento britannico per assistere all'inaugurazione del Global Tamil Forum.

**Mylvaganam Basgaran**  
Giovani Tamil





**Maison du  
Tamil Eelam**

தமிழீழமக்கள் பேரவை பிரான்ஸ்

ஒரு விடுதலை வீரனின் சாக் ஒரு சாதாரண மரண நிகழ்வல்ல. அந்தச் சாவு ஒரு சரித்திர நிகழ்வு. ஒரு உன்னத இலட்சியம் உயிர் பெறும் அற்புதமான நிகழ்வு. உண்மையில் ஒரு விடுதலை வீரன் சாவதில்லை. அவனது உயிராக இயங்கி வந்த இலட்சிய நெருப்பு என்றுமே அணைந்து விடுவதில்லை. அந்த இலட்சிய நெருப்பு ஒரு வரலாற்றுச் சக்தியாக மற்றவர்களைப் பற்றிக் கொள்கின்றது. ஒரு இனத்தின் தேசிய ஆன்மாவைத் தட்டியெழுப்பிவிடுகின்றது.

The House of Tamil Eelam was created to protect the rights of Tamils in Tamil Eelam and to provide a political representation for the Tamils in France. The governing body is democratically elected by the Tamil people in France. House of Tamil Eelam successfully conducted a referendum on the political aspirations of the Tamils amongst the Tamils in France in which more than 32,000 votes were cast.

The House of Tamil Eelam is joining hands with other members of Global Tamil Forum to represent almost nearly 70 million Tamils spread across four corners of the globe and to be the voice for the voiceless Tamil people in Tamil Eelam. As the one of founding members of the Global Tamil Forum, we extend our congratulations to those who worked tirelessly in the creation of this organization.

La Maison du Tamil Eelam a été créée pour protéger les droits des Tamouls d'Eelam et pour représenter politiquement les Tamouls de France. Elle sera un organe démocratiquement élu par le peuple et pour le peuple. Cette structure a montré sa capacité par l'organisation d'un référendum sur la question de l'aspiration politique au sein de la Diaspora tamoule de France et pour lequel plus de 32 000 tamouls ont participé. Elle a rejoint le Global Tamil Forum pour créer une représentation globale de tous les Tamouls qui vivent aux quatre coins du monde et souhaite être le représentant des 70 millions de Tamouls mais également être la voix des sans voix du Tamil Eelam.

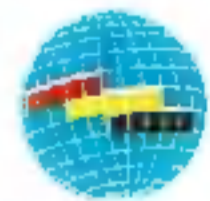
En tant que membre fondateur du Global Tamil Forum, nous souhaitons nos sincères félicitations à tous ceux qui ont travaillé durs pour la création de cette organisation.

தமிழீழ மக்கள் பேரவை- பிரான்சு, ஈழத்தமிழர்களின் உரிமைகளைப் பாதுகாக்கவும் பிரான்சில் உள்ள தமிழர்களை அரசியல் ரீதியாகப் பிரதிநிதித்துவப்படுத்தவுமாக உருவாக்கப் பட்டுள்ளது. மக்களால் மக்களுக்கென, சனநாயக முறையில் தேர்தல் மூலம் தெரிவு செய்யப்பட்டு இயங்கும் அமைப்பாகவே இது இருக்கின்றது. பிரான்சில் வாழும் தமிழர்களின் அரசியல் விருப்புக்கள் தொடர்பான கருத்துக் கணிப்பைச் வெற்றிகரமாகச் செய்திருந்தது. அந்த கருத்துக் கணிப்பில் 32000 இற்கும் மேற்பட்டோர் கலந்து கொண்டிருந்தனர். அத்துடன் உலகின் நான்கு மூலைகளிலும் வாழும் தமிழ் மக்களை, 70 மில்லியன் தமிழர்களை, பிரதிநிதித்துவப் படுத்தும் நோக்குடனும் தமிழீழத்தில் குரல் நசுக்கப் பட்டுள்ள நிலையிலுள்ள மக்களின் குரலாகவும் இயங்குவதற்கென உலகத் தமிழர் பேரவையின் உருவாக்கத்தில் கலந்து கொண்டுள்ளது. உலகத் தமிழர் பேரவையின் உருவாக்கற் குழு உறுப்பினர் என்ற வகையில், இவ் அமைப்பின் உருவாக்கத்திற்குக் கடினமாக உழைத்த அனைவருக்கும் எமது மனமார்ந்த பாராட்டுக்களைத் தெரிவித்துக் கொள்கின்றோம்.

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## ஐரோப்பிய தமிழர் ஒன்றியம் Union des Tamouls d'Europe

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A Strasbourg, le 15 Février 2010



"நாம் எதனைக் கேட்கின்றோம். எதற்காக நாம் போராடி வருகிறோம். நாம் எமது மண்ணில் வரலாற்று ரீதியாக எமக்குச் சொந்தமான நிலத்தில் நாம் பிறந்து வாழ்ந்த எமது தாயகப் பூமியில் நாம் நிம்மதியாக கௌரவமாக, எவரது தலையீடுமின்றிச் சுதந்திரமாக வாழ்வதற்கு விரும்புகின்றோம். நாமும் மனிதர்கள், மனிதர்களுக்கான அடிப்படை உரிமைகளைக் கொண்ட ஒரு மனித சமூகம். தனித்துவமான பண்பாட்டு வாழ்வையும் வரலாற்றையும் கொண்ட ஒரு தனித்துவமான இனத்தைச் சார்ந்த மனிதர்கள் நாம். எம்மை ஒரு மனித சமூகமாக தனித்துவப் பண்புகளைக் கொண்ட மக்களாக ஏற்குமாறு கேட்கிறோம். எமது அரசியல் வாழ்வை நாமே தீர்மானித்துக் கொள்ளும் உரிமை எமக்குண்டு. இந்த உரிமையின் அடிப்படையில் நாமே எம்மை ஆளும் வகையில் ஒரு ஆட்சிமுறையை அமைத்து வாழவே நாம் விரும்புகிறோம்."

என்ற எமது தேசியத்தலைவரின் சிந்தனைக்குச் செயல் வடிவம் கொடுக்க முன்வந்திருக்கும் உலகத் தமிழர் பேரவைக்கு, ஐரோப்பியத் தமிழர் ஒன்றியம் தனது மனமார்ந்த பாராட்டுக்களைத் தெரிவிக்கும் அதேநேரம் எத்தடை வரினும் மனம் தளராது உறுதியுடன் இந்த இலக்கை அடைவதற்கு வாழ்த்துகிறது. மேலும் இவ் அமைப்பின் தாயகம் நோக்கிய விடுதலைத் தொண்டுகளில் ஐரோப்பியத் தமிழர் ஒன்றியமும் கைகோர்ப்பதில் பெருமையடைகிறது என்பதையும் பெருமகிழ்வுடன் தெரிவித்துக் கொள்கிறது.

நன்றி

"Que demandons-nous ? Pour quelles raisons nous battons-nous ? Nous voulons vivre indépendants, sans aucune ingérence extérieure, dans la dignité, sur notre terre, sur la terre qui nous appartient historiquement, sur la terre de nos ancêtres où nous sommes nés et où nous avons vécu. Nous sommes aussi des Humains. Une société qui revendique ses droits élémentaires. Notre peuple possède une tradition et une histoire particulière. Nous demandons à ce que le Monde reconnaisse notre particularisme. Nous avons le droit de choisir nous-mêmes notre vie politique. Sur la base de ce droit, nous voulons nous auto-gouverner."

Global Tamil Forum œuvre à matérialiser les notions abordées par *les Pensées* de notre Président. A savoir, la concrétisation des désirs et aspirations des tamouls, notamment l'accès à la liberté pour le peuple Tamoul.

L'Union des Tamouls d'Europe applaudit l'initiative entreprise par Global Tamil Forum, et se réjouit de pouvoir participer à cette tâche.

KIRUPANANTHAN Nadarajah  
Président  
L'Union des Tamouls d'Europe





## Federation of Tamil Associations Denmark

டென்மார்க் தமிழ் அமைப்புக்களின் ஒன்றியம்

Tamil community in Denmark welcomes the creation of Global Tamil Forum. At this important juncture, the role of Diaspora community is critical in rebuilding the shattered lives of the people of Tamil Eelam and help drive for a just solution to our people. Danish Federation of Tamil Associations, as a Founding Member of Global Tamil Forum, is proud and honoured to be working alongside fellow Diaspora organisations, respective governments and people of all communities in Sri Lanka.

Tamils in Denmark, a relatively small community, have worked tirelessly together with their fellow Danish people to voice their concerns about the grave injustices suffered by the Tamil nation. We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Diaspora Tamils on the inauguration of the Global Tamil Forum and thank Governments of United Kingdom and Denmark for their continued interest.

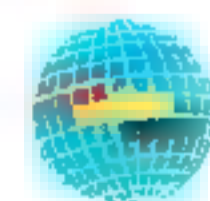
Tamiler i Danmark glæder sig over etableringen af Global Tamil Forum. På dette afgørende tidspunkt, hvor der er brug for eksilsamfundets støtte til genopbygning af det ødelagte liv for befolkningen i Tamil Eelam og støtte til at sætte gang i en retfærdig løsning for vores folk. Dansk sammenslutning af tamilske foreninger, som stiftende medlem af Global Tamil Forum, er stolt og bæret over at arbejde sammen med kolleger fra diasporaorganisationer, respektive regeringer og folk i alle samfund i Sri Lanka.

Tamiler i Danmark, et relativt lille samfund, har arbejdet utrætteligt sammen med deres danske venner på at give udtryk for deres bekymring over de alvorlige uretfærdigheder, der har været påført den tamilske nation. Vi vil gerne benytte denne lejlighed til at lykønske eksiltamilerne med indvielsen af det Globale Tamil Forum og takke regeringerne i Danmark og Storbritannien for deres fortsatte interesse.

**Maheswaran Ponnampalam**

Formand

Dansk sammenslutning af tamilske foreninger





## Canadian Tamil Congress கனடியத் தமிழர் பேரவை Congrès Tamoul Canadien

“அடம்பன் கொடியும் திரண்டால் மிடுக்கு” என்ற கூற்றுக்கமைய, புலத்தில் வாழும் தமிழர் அமைப்புகளை ஒன்றிணைத்து உருவாக்கிய உலகத் தமிழர் பேரவையை அறிமுகப்படுத்தும் வைபவத்தில் கனடியத் தமிழர் பேரவை பெருமிதத்துடன் கலந்து கொள்கிறது. தமிழீழத்தில் அல்லலுறும் எமது மக்களின் விடிவுக்காக, புலத்தில் வாழும் நாம், உலகத் தமிழர் பேரவையூடாக ஒங்கியக் குரலெழுப்புவோம் என்று திடமாக நம்புகிறோம்.

Canadian Tamil Congress (CTC) represents the interest of over 300,000 Tamil Canadians, with eleven Chapters located from coast to coast across Canada. On behalf of the Canadian Tamil Congress, it gives me great pleasure in extending our heartiest congratulations on the occasion of the inauguration of the Global Tamil Forum. As a Founding Member, the Canadian Tamil Congress joined hands with leading organizations representing Tamils living in 19 countries spanning the globe and worked tirelessly to forge a credible voice for those who are left voiceless in Tamil Eelam and the countless who have been driven out of their homeland.

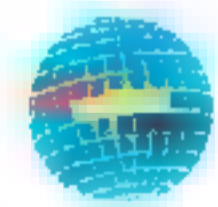
Le Congrès Tamoul Canadien (CTC) représente les intérêts de plus de 300 000 Tamouls canadiens et regroupe onze sections régionales de côte à côte au Canada. De la part du Congrès Tamoul Canadien, il me fait grand plaisir de vous offrir nos félicitations à l'occasion de l'inauguration du Forum mondial Tamoul. En tant que membre fondateur, le Congrès Tamoul Canadien s'est allié avec les organisations de pointe qui représentent les Tamouls canadiens habitant dans 19 pays autour du monde, et il travail sans repos pour établir une voix crédible pour ceux et celles qui sont pas représentés au Tamoul Eelam et pour les innombrables qui ont été expulsés de leur pays d'origine.

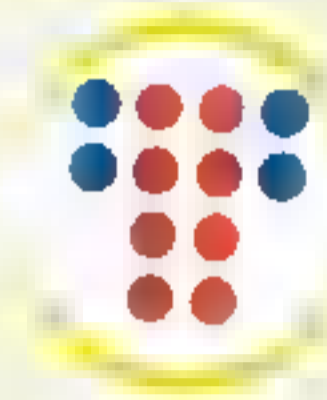
உலகத் தமிழர் பேரவையின் பாரிய வளர்ச்சிக்கும், அதன் செயற்திட்டங்கள் வெற்றிபெறவும் எமது நல்லாசிகள்.

Wishing the Global Tamil Forum a sustained growth and great success in its endeavours.  
Je souhaite au Forum mondial Tamoul une croissance viable et un grand succès dans ses démarches.

Yours sincerely,

Professor (Ranjan) R. Sri Ranjan, Ph.D., P.Eng.  
President, Canadian Tamil Congress  
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I congratulate the Directors of the Global Tamil Forum for organising this conference with the participation of the Foreign Secretary, Shadow Foreign Secretaries of the main political parties in Britain and overseas dignitaries.

I am in no doubt this conference will go down in the history of the Tamil Nation as the turning point in the contribution of the global Tamil Diaspora - in our quest for freedom of our homeland. This conference is significant for a number of reasons. It is our opportunity to begin frank discussions with our friends in the international arena about the political future of Tamils, make new friends and explore future trade and collaboration in development with our international partners. This conference shows that the scope and opportunity available to us to make a real difference to our brothers and sisters back home and also achieve our political goal are within our grasp.

I salute all those in making this conference a reality and thank everyone for their support.

**Nathan Kumar,**  
Chairman,  
British Tamils Forum.





**Australian Tamil Congress**

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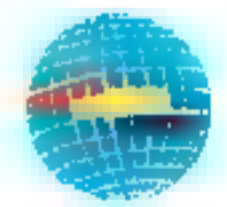


## Inauguration of the Global Tamil Forum

The need of the hour is for our Tamil people, in each and every country that we have taken refuge in throughout the world, to unite and form a united world body that envisions the will of our people to live in peace and harmony and with dignity to pursue their own goals and destiny. We need a global organisation that can carry the next phase of our struggle through political dialogue and diplomatic negotiations to make this a reality for our people in Tamil Eelam and globally. To this end the Global Tamil Forum is being inaugurated in London on the 24th of February 2010.

The Australian Tamil Congress is honoured and enthused to be a part of GTF and wish every success in its venture into the new world order in helping to achieve peace and prosperity to all Tamils around the world.

**Prof. Raj T. Rajeswaran**  
Chairman  
Australian Tamil Congress



# **AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS**



## **MESSAGE FROM THE AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS TO THE GLOBAL TAMIL FORUM**

We are delighted to send this congratulatory message to the Global Tamil Forum (GTF) on its inaugural gathering.

Having resolved our past political, social and economic challenges in South Africa through dialogue, we firmly believe that willingness to engage, listen to views and ideas of fellow compatriots and the international community, will go ■ long way in finding ■ solution to Tamil concerns in Sri Lanka.

We are encouraged by the GTF's commitment to a democratic and non-violent approach. As an umbrella organisation representing mass-based formations in many countries around the globe and in the Tamil Diaspora, may you grow from strength-to-strength in achieving your objectives by peaceful means.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the organisers and dignitaries for honouring this historic occasion.

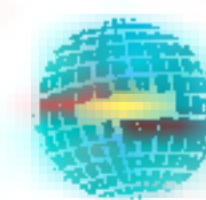
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## Equal rights for all human beings

### The Essence of the Dharma:

Let All Beings be Free of Sorrow! Buddhism is a universal philosophy that has no place for any exclusive supremacy or hegemony. It is an engaged philosophy which prescribes that until and unless we cooperate as the human species to end suffering on earth, we shall not escape the cycle of Sansara and attain Nirvana.

As a religious philosophy Buddhism emphasizes the responsibility of all individuals to free themselves from illusion and to seek clarity and the path of liberation through scientific self-consciousness. It prescribes a path of renunciation and selfless devotion to the cause of truth and justice nurtured by compassion for all beings. It obligates us to take responsibility for our suffering, to analyze the source of our collective karma, and to act to bring about universal peace and happiness to all beings.

### Negation of the Dharma:

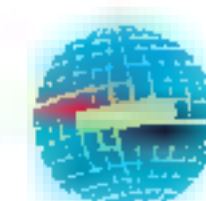
Although we claim that this is the land of Theravada Buddhism, when we apply these doctrinal precepts, we find that our society has long since departed from this noble path of liberation. Sri Lanka today is governed not by the philosophy of human liberation as taught by the Lord Buddha, but by the craven lust for power. Every successive government has betrayed the sovereignty of the people, subjugated the country to foreign powers and international financial agencies, sacrificed our national independence, sowed the seeds of division and domination, and subjected our people to unbearable exploitation and oppression. This is while amassing fortunes by sharing in the spoils of profit and plunder by the rulers. The banner of Sinhala-Buddhist supremacy has been used by all the rulers to deceive and divide the people. The poor, oppressed Sinhala-Buddhist masses have been primarily used as pawns in this deadly game of deception and domination. The politics of this ruling class has visited so much destruction and devastation on the land and our people. Now, we must unite to seek our path of liberation.

I began with the foundational Buddhist theme "Let All Beings be Free of Sorrow! If we are to apply this principle to our present situation, we must forge a shared vision of our beloved Lanka. This vision is founded on three integral cardinal principles: Devolution, Democracy and Development. We cannot separate, nor compromise, on any one of these principles.

I wish Tamil Forum all the best .

**Ven. M. Assaji Nayake Thero**

Executive Secretary - Inter Religious Peace Foundation  
10th February , Sri Lanka.





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February 19, 2010

Dear Father S.J. Emmanuel, President

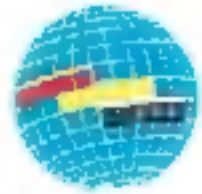
I would like to extend greetings and thanks to all delegates attending this inaugural Global Tamil Forum in the United Kingdom. Canada, among several other commonwealth countries, is the proud home of well over 250,000 Tamils, most of whom live in the greater Toronto area. I regret that I was unable to attend with you, but I am encouraged by the growing voice of Tamils the world over, against violence and the continued oppression of minority Tamils in your homeland.

I am certain your deliberations over the coming days will help to advance the hopes and determination of Tamils to seek peace and prosperity in the homeland, and wherever they might call home today.

Congratulations to the forum organizers, presenters and volunteers for making this first event what is certain to be an unqualified success."

Sincerely,

**Bruce Stanton, M.P.**  
Simcoe North



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 **Conservatives**



**David Cameron MP**  
Leader of the Conservative Party

## Global Tamil Forum Conference

February 2010

I am delighted to send my best wishes for today's inaugural Global Tamil Forum Conference.

Members of the Tamil diaspora have contributed a great deal to our society, and this event brings them together with their friends from around the world.

Today we are united in a common cause and wish to see the same outcome - a peaceful, stable and prosperous Sri Lanka, where the democratic and political aspirations of all ethnic groups are fulfilled and all Sri Lankans are able to live together in harmony.

Sri Lanka has recently emerged from a very difficult period in its history and it is vital that a negotiated settlement occurs and a period of reconciliation and healing begins in earnest. I know that the Tamil diaspora is ready to play a full part in this process, and I am sure this Conference will be a positive step forward in this work.

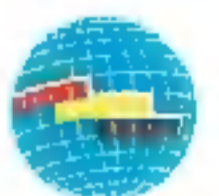
On behalf of the Conservative Party, I would like to congratulate the Tamil diaspora for their energetic efforts to ensure enduring peace in their country, and to wish the Global Tamil Forum inaugural Conference every success.

David Cameron

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**Edward Davey**  
**Member of Parliament for Kingston & Surbiton**



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"I want to warmly congratulate everyone involved in establishing the Global Tamil Forum. It is a tremendous achievement to bring together such a publication and such an organisation to support Tamils in so many countries across the world, whilst retaining the involvement of the local grass roots.

"Many Liberal Democrat MPs like myself, Simon Hughes, Susan Kramer, Paul Burstow and Tom Brake, have long argued for justice for Tamil people - both in Sri Lanka and here in Britain. The shocking barbarity of last year's fighting proved beyond doubt that it is now the duty of the whole world to wake up, and recognise our responsibilities to help bring peace and justice to all the communities in Sri Lanka. Global Tamil Forum is one excellent way to ensure that the international community and especially Britain is forced to play a role in achieving that.

"It was an honour recently to be an observer at one local polling station in Tolworth for the referendum of the global Tamil Diaspora into Tamil views of what the correct future strategic goal should be. I only hope the next General Election here in Britain is carried out so professionally - and would elections in Sri Lanka managed that level of legitimacy too!

"It's long been clear to me that the only way forward is to uphold the international principle of self-determination. For that to happen in the Sri Lankan context, the current Government in Colombo must recognise the strength and depth of international support the Tamil people have and that Colombo Government will constantly be monitored and checked for human rights' abuses.

"I'm delighted the European Union has recently acted on the poor record on human rights to date, and has moved to withdraw the trade concessions Sri Lanka currently enjoys, under the GSP+ regime. I pay tribute to the British Government who - strongly encouraged by Liberal Democrats and others - helped use our influence within the European Union to bring this about. This is an important first step, but we need to see more strong action against Colombo.

"As the Liberal Democrats' Shadow Foreign Secretary, I can give you my assurance that we will work with the Tamil community here in Britain to further the case of justice and peace for all Tamil people, so their legitimate aspirations and human rights are properly upheld. I look forward to working with the Global Tamil Forum in the years ahead to bring that about.

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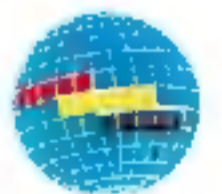
Yours Sincerely

**Edward Davey**

Liberal Democrats' Shadow Foreign Secretary

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**Global Tamil Forum**



  
ROYAL NORWEGIAN MINISTRY  
OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

*Minister of the Environment and International Development*

February 2010

Greetings to Global Tamil Forum

This time last year, it was clear to everyone that the military conflict in Sri Lanka was nearing an end. The months that followed brought immense suffering to the civilians, in terms of human losses, displacement, loss of homes and property and fear and uncertainty for the future. I would like to express my deep sympathy for the hundreds of thousands of victims of the military conflict.

Although the war is over, the root causes of the conflict have not been resolved. With his victory in the 26 January election, President Rajapakse now has a historic opportunity to address these causes. This is not possible without reaching out a hand to the Tamils, Muslims and the other minority groups in Sri Lanka. Every step in this direction will be welcomed by the international community, which remains committed to securing a peaceful and prosperous Sri Lanka.

Today, however, I am addressing the Tamil diaspora. In many countries, you play an important role in putting the Tamil cause on the international political agenda. This gives you a responsibility to act in accordance with the interests of all Tamils, in Sri Lanka and abroad. Internationally, there is no acceptance for armed struggle. Nor is there any support in the international community for a separate Tamil state. Political change in Sri Lanka will have to come from within. By working together with political forces in the country, the Tamil diaspora can contribute to equal rights for all citizens within an inclusive Sri Lankan state, and greater self-determination in Tamil-dominated areas. The Norwegian government will support you in this endeavour.

*Erik Solheim*

Erik Solheim

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